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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding final Office Action, mailed November 5, 2003, and in accordance with Rule 116 of the Rules of the Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below intended to put the claims into condition for allowance. Applicants submit herewith: (a) a Petition For Extension of Time (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; (b) an Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; (c) Exhibit A, a marked-up version of the claims as amended herein; (d) Exhibit B, a copy of the claims that will be pending upon entry of this Amendment; (e) Exhibit C, Gyuris et al., 1993 Cell 75: 791-803; Zervos et al., 1993 Cell 72: 222-32; (f) Exhibit D, Wang et al., 1996 J. of Virology 71(3): 1850-6; and (g) a Notice of Appeal From the Primary Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee.

It is estimated that no additional fee is required for filing this Amendment. However, in the event that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an additional fee is